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SUBJECT: DETAINED AMERICAN CITIZENS

REFERENCES: A. BURKE/AXELROD TELECON JUNE 12;

1. CONFIRMING REF TELECON, CHARGE SHOULD IMMEDIATELY SEEK AN APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER TO REGISTER STRONGLY OUR DEEP CONCERN OVER GODR'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE CONSULAR ACCESS TO THREE DETAINED AMERICAN CITIZENS DESPITE THE SEVERAL DEMARCHES WE HAVE MADE TO FOREIGN SECRETARY AND TO THE DOMINICAN AMBASSADOR HERE IN WASHINGTON. IN MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, CHARGE SHOULD REITERATE POINTS CONTAINED REFTEL, EMPHASIZING TO HIM THAT WE HAVE VALUED OUR CLOSE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH THE GODR AND THIS PAST CLOSE ASSOCIATION MAKES ALL THE MORE MYSTIFYING HIS GOVERNMENT'S FAILURE TO GRANT CONSULAR ACCESS. YOU SHOULD PARTICULARLY EMPHASIZE TO BALAGUER THAT THERE IS NO DESIRE OR INTENTION ON OUR PART TO INTERFERE WITH ANY LEGAL INVESTIGATION IN PROCESS. IF THE AMERICANS IN QUESTION HAVE TRANSGRESSED DOMINICAN LAW, THEY SHOULD BE CHARGED AND TRIED FOR SUCH TRANSGRESSIONS. IF THEY ARE

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INNOCENT OF WRONG-DOING, THEY SHOULD BE RELEASED. WHAT WE

ARE INSISTING ON, HOWEVER, IS OUR RIGHT TO VISIT THESE
DETAINEES IN ORDER TO ASSURE OURSELVES AS TO THEIR PHYSI-
CAL WELL BEING AND THAT THEIR RIGHTS UNDER DOMINICAN LAW

ARE BEING OBSERVED.

2. REPORT RESULTS ASAP. KISSINGER

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